



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Vivieca Wright Simpson

Chief of Staff

Ms. Vivieca Wright Simpson assumed duties as Chief of Staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs on February 27, 2017.

As Chief of Staff, she is the senior most advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, which has a \$182.3 billion budget with over 340,000 employees and 1,700 sites of care, benefit offices, and national cemeteries throughout the country.



Prior to becoming Chief of Staff, Ms. Wright Simpson served as the Chief of Staff of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the largest integrated health care system in the United States, where she focused on strategy and innovation, overseeing a broad range of implementation activities across VHA involving policy practices, organizational alignments, and functional assignments for VHA's 18 Veterans Integrated Service Networks and 168 medical centers.

Ms. Wright Simpson has held numerous leadership roles in VHA. She has experience in working with senior executives, congressional members, and Veteran stakeholders. She encourages creative thinking, high ethical standards, and fosters an environment where people work together effectively to meet the organizations goals.

During her 32 years of service to VA, Ms. Wright Simpson leveraged her expertise in policy practices, medical regulations, strategic planning, and leadership development to implement a broad range of transformational and innovative initiatives. Throughout her career, she has been selected for high-impact assignments with national implications and is recognized as an outcomes-oriented leader.

Ms. Wright Simpson is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Health Administration from Meharry Medical College and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Tennessee State University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

She is married to James Simpson and they reside in Silver Spring, Maryland.